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C O N F I I E N T I A L SAIGON 20413

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR VS

SUBJ: US STATEMENT PROTESTING NHA BE ATTACK PROPOSED

REF: SAIGON 20366

1. COMMUNIST ATTACK ON NHA BE TANK FARM WITH RESULTING SERIOUS LOSS OF POL AND STORAGE CAPACITY IS ONE OF THE WORST COMMUNIST VIOLATIONS OF THE VIETNAM CEASE-FIRE SO FAR. (PRG HERE ADMITS RESPONSIBILITY, CALLING IT "PUNISHMENT BY THE PLAF".) THE FACT THAT THE GREAT BULK OF POL DESTROYED WAS FROM CIVILIAN STOCKS VITIATES ANY MILITARY JUSTIFICATION AND MEANS THAT IT IS THE ORDINARY SOUTH VIETNAMESE CITIZEN WHO WILL SUFFER. THESE THINGS PLUS THE PROXIMITY OF THE ATTACK TO SAIGON HAVE MADE SOUTH VIETNAMESE FEEL A PARTICULARLY KEEN SENSE OF OUTRAGE.

2. WE DO NOT THINK THAT THE U.S. SHOULD LET THIS EVENT PASS WITHOUT EXPRESSING OUR FEELINGS ABOUT THIS UNUSUALLY BLATANT OFFENSE AGAINST THE PARIS AGREEMENT. FAILURE TO DO SO WOULD BE NOTED NOT ONLY BY THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE BUT BY THE DRV/PRG AND BY THE ICCS DELEGATIONS AS WELL.

3. WE URGE DEPARTMENT TO ISSUE APPROPRIATE STATEMENT DECEMBER 5 WASHINGTON TIME. PEG FOR STATEMENT COULD BE GVN
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